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\$825 MILLION ALLOCATED TO CREATE JOBS AND IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION

Fresno – The California Transportation Commission (CTC) today allocated \$825 million in new funding to 92 highway, transit, and rail projects that will strengthen California's economy and upgrade the state's vast transportation system. The allocations included nearly \$9 million from Proposition 1B, a 2006 voter-approved transportation bond. To date, the state has allocated nearly \$8 billion in Proposition 1B funds.

"From one end of the state to the other, transportation projects are providing jobs and improving mobility for people and businesses in California," said Caltrans Acting Director Malcolm Dougherty.

Two notable design-build projects in Los Angeles County received \$526 million in allocations: the Gerald Desmond Bridge (\$470 million) and the Interstate 10/Interstate 605 Direct Connector (\$56 million). Design-build streamlines a project by overlapping design and construction to speed up construction and potentially reduce costs. Design-build is currently being used in 32 other states. Caltrans obtained design-build authority in February 2009 with the passage of Senate Bill 4 (second extraordinary session). The legislation established a demonstration program, which allows 10 design-build projects for Caltrans and five for local transportation agencies, subject to authorization by the CTC.

Other highlights of the allocations include:

Madera County - \$139,000 to construct pedestrian and bicyclist undercrossings at Schnoor Avenue as part of a Walking/Bike Trail in the City of Madera.

Fresno County - \$339,000 in the City of Kingsburg to install safety median islands and aesthetic landscaping on Sierra Street between Bethel Avenue and State Route 99.

Tulare County - \$173,000 for a project that will construct a Transit Center-Main Street Streetscape in the City of Visalia, along Santa Fe Street between Murray Avenue and Main Street.

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San Diego - \$4 million for a project that will construct four miles of double track on the Los Angeles-San Diego Rail Corridor.

Sacramento - \$4 million for a project that will construct a four-mile light rail extension from Meadowview Road to Cosumnes River College.

Orange County - \$16 million to repave and repair 82 lane miles of pavement on Interstate 5 in San Juan Capistrano and Mission Viejo to improve safety and provide motorists a smoother ride.

For information about all projects that received allocations please visit:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/docs/ctcprojectallocationsjune2011.pdf>

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